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REMARKS

Claims 18-19 and 21-24 are in the case and stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over USPN 6,621,404. Applicants provide herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome the rejection. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are requested.

Conclusion

Applicants assert that the claims of the present application patentably define over the prior art made of record and not relied upon for the same reasons as given above. Applicants respectfully submit that a full and complete response to the office action is provided herein, and that the application is now fully in condition for allowance. Action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

In the event this response is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for the appropriate extension of time and request that the fee for the extension be charged to deposit account 12-2355. If other fees are required by this amendment, such as fees for additional claims, such fees may be charged to deposit account 12-2252. Should the examiner require further clarification of the invention, it is requested that s/he contact the undersigned before issuing the next office action.

Sincerely,

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